

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:)
RANEY et al.) Before the Examiner
Application No. 10/729,546) Dryden, Matthew Dutton
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SAMPLING DEVICES AND METHODS)
UTILIZING A HORIZONTAL CAPILLARY) Confirmation No.
TEST STRIP) 1896

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-mentioned patent application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any extensions of time as well as any additional fees or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.